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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR;
JERUSALEM FOR USDEL ATHERTON;
WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, IS, EG, US, XF
SUBJECT: ISRAELI CABINET DECISIONS ON NEXT STEPS
IN PEACE PROCESS

REF: (A) SECTO 1084, (B) TEL AVIV 950

1. CALLED VP MUBARAK ON SECURE PHONE THIS EVENING AND
TOLD HIM OF THE TWO ISRAELI CABINET DECISIONS CITED
REF B. I ASKED THAT HE INFORM SADAT OF THE DECISIONS.
I DID NOT PASS ON BEGIN'S CHARACTERIZATION OF SADAT'S
SPEECH.

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2. RE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, MUBARAK EXPRESSED THE
HOPE THAT TUESDAY'S CABINET MEETING WILL RECONSIDER THE
ISSUE AND AGREE TO AN EARLY RECONVENING. HE THEN ASKED
HOW LONG WEIZMAN EXPECTS TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES.
WHEN I TOLD HIM I DID NOT KNOW, HE COMMENTED THAT EGYPTIANS
HAVE A REPORT THAT WEIZMAN INTENDS TO FLY FROM U.S.
DIRECTLY TO CAIRO ABOARD TWA AT END OF HIS UPCOMING VISIT.

ASKED WHERE THIS REPORT HAD COME FROM, HE DECLINED TO ANSWER. (ONE POSSIBILITY IS GENERAL TAMIR, WHO IS STILL HERE.)

3. MUBARAK CALLED ME BACK SHORT TIME LATER TO ASK ABOUT SECOND ISRAELI CABINET DECISION AGREEING TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT WORK CONTINUE ON A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE U.S. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER WE HAD SHOWN DRAFT DECLARATION TO THE ISRAELIS. I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD AND POINTED OUT THE DRAFT WHICH YOU HAD GIVEN TO SADAT WAS BASED ON YOUR FINAL DAY'S TALKS WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN IN JERUSALEM. AS YOU HAD ALSO POINTED OUT, THERE WERE ITEMS IN IT THAT REMAIN UNRESOLVED AND MUST STILL BE NEGOTIATED. THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SHOWING IT TO SADAT WAS TO POINT OUT TO THE PRESIDENT THAT PROGRESS HAS INDEED BEEN MADE AND TO OFFER OUR GOOD OFFICES IN CONTINUING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH AN ACCEPTABLE DECLARATION. THE PRESIDENT HAD AGREED THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, BUT HAD WISHED TO DEFER GIVING US FORMAL ANSWER TO YOUR OFFER UNTIL HE HAD CONSIDERED THE MATTER FURTHER WITH HIS NSC. WE WERE NOW WAITING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER WHETHER HE WISHES US TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS YOU INDICATED.

4. MUBARAK, WHO HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT FULLY COMPREHENDED THE STATE OF PLAY AT THE END OF YOUR VISIT, SAID HE NOW UNDER-
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STOOD THE SITUATION. HE AGAIN SAID HE WILL INFORM SADAT AT ONCE ABOUT THE TWO ISRAELI CABINET DECISIONS. HE WAS SURE SADAT WILL WANT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON THIS MATTER. EILTS

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